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SUBJECT: FY-2004 SOUTH ASIA RP ON "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LIBERALIZATION" - NOVEMBER 3-21, 2003 : SRI LANKAN NOMINATION

PROJECT NUMBER: E/VGN-2004-0015

REF: (A) STATE 079203, (B) COLOMBO 0676

1. POST NOMINATES MR. TILINA B. TENNAKoon, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KANDY DISTRICT, FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 82

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VGN-2004-0015

PROJ-NAME: Economic Development and Liberalization -

November 3-21, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Sub-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Group Projects

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 10/31/2003

SESSION-DATE: 11/03/2003

RETURN-POST: 11/24/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 1

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Economic Prosperity and Growth"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: SRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 31

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Economic & Business Development

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Tilina

M-NAME: Bandara

L-NAME: TENNAKoon

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: 6 Suduhumpola Road

M-ADDR2:

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Kandy

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-8) 238-024

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: H

GENDER: M

DOB: 07/07/1967

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Kandy

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:
Member of Parliament for Kandy District, 2001- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1999-2001 - Minister for Health and Sports of the
Central Provincial Council
1997-99 - Chairman, Ganga Wata Korale Pradeshiya Sabaha
1994-97 - Engaged in grassroots politics in Kandy
1986-1990 - Traffic Officer, Air Lanka

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

B.A. in International Relations, Lumumba University,
USSR, 1994

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

Non-smoker and non-eater of beef and pork

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: Sinhala

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Economic
Prosperity and Growth"

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Will Avery

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Mr. Tennakoon is one of the more promising younger
politicians of the Peoples Alliance (PA). He has
strong ties to Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), as his
father and grandfather were both prominent MP and
Minister, respectively, in previous SLFP governments.
Mr. Tennakoon has been active in politics from 1997.
He entered politics from the Pradeshiya Sabha of a
Kandy district village in 1997. He was the provincial
health and sports minister from 1999-2001 in the
Central Provincial Council (CPC). He is a well-known
figure in the Kandy district, as he was the President
of the Kandy District Cricket Association. During his
tenure at CPC he engaged in hospital development, water
and sports development projects.

Mr. Tennakoon, with his popularity in the Kandy
District and strong family background within the SLFP,
is likely to have a promising political career. He is
in a position to understand business issues, as he
worked at a commercial entity (Sri Lankan Airlines) and
held positions with the District Cricket
Administration. It is in the interest of the mission
to cultivate interlocutors in the PA who will
understand US economic perspectives, so that we have
representation in Parliament and the provinces who will
be able to support US views. His education was in Sri
Lanka and Russia. We expect that an exposure to the US
economic model will be an eye opener for him.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ECON

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: Yes

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 117

PERSON-ID: 121

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE

RES-CNTRY-ID: CE

FIRST-LANG-ID: SI

E-I-TYPE-ID:

NOM-POST-ID: 2929

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0
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COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT:
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